REMARKS

On January 24, 2006, a Notice of Allowance was mailed for the above-captioned patent application. The present Amendment is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination.

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 3-5, 8-9, 11 and 19 are amended herein. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-19 will be pending.

In addition, a corrected translation of PCT/JP99/04911, the international application of which the present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 371, is attached. This corrected translation corrects translation errors present in the translation originally filed as the specification of this application, on March 20, 2001. The differences between the corrected translation and the originally presented translation are highlighted by underlining in the corrected translation.

The amendments to claims 1, 3-5, 8-9, 11 are generally supported by the corrected translation of PCT/JP99/04911. Applicant notes the following points about the claim amendments:

Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 19, which recites that X³ can be CH₃, may be found in the corrected translation of PCT/JP99/04911, for example, on page 383, line 18.

Support for the amendment to claim 1 regarding the OCF₃ substituent may be found in the corrected translation of PCT/JP99/04911, for example, on page 384, line 9.

The amendment to claim 3 regarding Q¹ being OCF₂H may be seen to be a correction of a typographical error, supported by the definition of Q¹ in claim 1.

The amendment to claims 3 and 4 regarding K¹ and K³ being a single bond is supported by

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claim 1.

The amendment to claim 4 correcting "C" to -- CN -- may be seen to be a correction of a

typographical error, based on the definition of Q¹ in claim 1.

The amendment to claim 4 correcting "(I-bvii)" to -- (I-bxi) -- may be seen to be a correct of

a clause number.

The amendment to claim 8 correcting formula "(II-2)" to -- (II-1) -- corrects a typographical

error.

Applicant believes that the amendments to the claims should not affect the allowability of

the claims over the cited references. The amendment to claim 1 broadens the definition of X³ to

include CH₃, and broadens the definition of rings A¹ to A⁴ to include OCF₃ substituents. The

amendment to claim 19 broadens the definition of X³ to include CH₃. Applicant submits that there

is no suggestion for such compounds in Coates et al. GB '771, cited in the rejections under 35 U.S.C.

102(b) and 103(a) in the Office action of March 21, 2005.

If for any reason, the Examiner has any questions, it is respectfully requested that the

Examiner contact, by telephone, the Applicant's undersigned agent at the indicated telephone number

to arrange for a telephone conference in order to help expedite the disposition of this application.

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In the event this paper is not timely filed, the Applicants hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Corrected English translation of PCT/JP99/04911

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